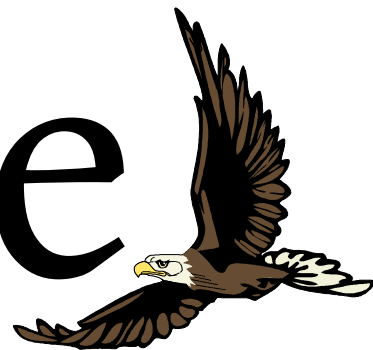


# Border Eagle



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Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Training the world's best pilots

July 2, 1999

## Newsline

A glance at news affecting Laughlin



### Pilot graduation

The graduation ceremony for Specialized Undergraduate Pilot Training Class 99-11 is 10 a.m. today at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The guest speaker is Gen. Charles Robinson, commander in chief, U.S. Transportation Command and Air Mobility Command.

### July 5 celebration

A July 5 holiday celebration is scheduled from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. Monday at Friendship Pool.

For more information, call 5897.

### O-5 selectees

Congratulations to Laughlin's newest selectees to the rank of lieutenant colonel. They are:

**Maj. Dana Gunter**, 47 OSS;

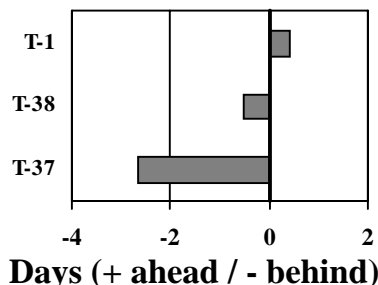
**Maj. Wylie Lovelady III**, 87 FTS;

**Maj. Randy Schermerhorn**, 47 FTW.

### 47 FTW mission status

(As of June 30)

#### Student Timeline



**Sorties flown in FY 99:**  
**49,061**

**Hours flown in FY 99:**  
**70,745.9**

**Pilot wings earned in FY 99:**  
**219**

**Pilot wings earned since 1963:**  
**11,266**

## Community marks July 4 with activities, fireworks

Everyone is invited to celebrate July 4 with Del Rio. The day ends at 10:20 p.m. with a free fireworks display at Val Verde Fairgrounds.

Events begin at noon in Moore Park with the City of Del Rio Swim League second annual meet. Following the meet, the pool will open to the public free of charge all day.

Parks officials also plan free activities at Moore Park: a miniature golf tournament at 2 p.m.; pool raft races for children all day; free-throw contest (register at the pool front desk); and live band concerts provided by the United International Organization of Christian Music from 1 to 6 p.m.

A three-person coed volleyball tournament will begin at 4 p.m. There is a \$20 entry fee for this event. Also, the Industrial Softball Association of Del Rio is sponsoring a softball tournament at Hogan Softball Field Saturday and Sunday, with the championship game scheduled for 4 p.m. Sunday.

At 3 p.m., activities will move to Val Verde Fairgrounds with continuing craft displays, games and refreshment booths. Free shuttles will run from Moore Park to the fairgrounds every hour beginning at 4 p.m. The trolley shuttle will operate until the end of the fireworks display at 10:45 p.m.

The Air Force Band of the West variety group, "Top Flight" will perform on center stage beginning at approximately 8 p.m., followed at 8:30 p.m. by the National Anthem, posting of colors and welcome remarks by Mayor Roberto Chavira, County Judge Mike Fernandez and State Representative Pete Gallegos.

The complete Independence Day schedule follows.



### July 4 events

#### Moore Park

**Noon:** Del Rio City Swim League Meet

**2 p.m.:** Pool Opens to public (free of charge for remainder of day)

**2 p.m.:** Free miniature golf tournament (limited entries – first-come basis)

**4 p.m.:** Three-person co-ed volleyball tournament (\$20 per team entry fee)

**Live concerts** throughout the afternoon by the United International Organization of Christian Music

#### Val Verde Fairground

**3 p.m.:** Gates open to the public

**3:30-10:30 p.m.:** Food/drink, crafts and entertainment booths

**3:30 p.m.:** U.S. Customs K-9 demonstration

**4 p.m.:** Dance Academy Starlets performance

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Courtesy photo

Top Flight is the Band of the West's answer to America's demand for classic rock 'n' roll as well as the more current tunes of today's music scene. They perform songs from groups and performers like Chuck Berry, Van Halen, The Beatles, as well as Paula Cole and the Foo Fighters.

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# Commander's

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**By Lt. Col. Cathy Duncan**  
47th Mission Support Squadron  
commander

Well, my two-year command tour is nearly up and in those years I've written quite a few articles for our Border Eagle – on topics like effective communication, the importance of mentoring, opportunity through education and more. For my last hoorah, I've decided to get on my soapbox about – you guessed it – surveys!

## Surveys provide opportunity to offer vital feedback

Okay, be honest. How many of you just absolutely cringe when one of those lengthy Air Force surveys crosses your desk or is waiting in your e-mail inbox? I know I sometimes do! How many of you follow up that cringe thought by just tossing the survey in the trash, conveniently spilling your morning coffee on it or concluding that you're way too busy to waste time on surveys? Or maybe you skew the results by sending in bogus or incomplete responses, or you believe your input won't make a difference anyway? Based on the alarmingly low completion statistics various surveys have chalked up in the past, many of us appear to be reaching the survey saturation point. So my challenge today is to change your perspective. Instead of thinking

'Oh no, another survey,' we should be thinking 'Oh yes, another survey!' Take a positive perspective.

Your survey input really does matter – in fact, it's vitally important. Frankly, we should all be jumping with joy that decision makers think our opinions and feedback are so valuable that they: (a.) ask for field input; (b.) spend limited Air Force resources to get it; and (c.) in some cases, are even willing to delay survey implementation dates to ensure effective feedback.

Take the Air Force Community Needs Assessment survey for example. This important survey gets feedback from military active duty members and their families on how they think the Air Force takes care

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*Through the survey medium, you have the opportunity to impact policies and programs by using your pencil point to make a difference. To not take advantage is truly sad.*

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## Commander gives base personnel Independence Day salute for dedication, commitment

**By Col. Dan R. Goodrich**  
47th Flying Training Wing commander

As we celebrate the Fourth of July with our families and friends, let's take a moment and reflect on the significance of this great national holiday.

Two hundred and twenty three years ago, American colonists declared their independence from an oppressive British crown and proclaimed in the Declaration of Independence: "That all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness."

In order to protect these fundamental beliefs, brave American patriots willingly risked their lives and treasure to win our freedom.

In giving this ultimate sacrifice, these patriots established a democratic government that has stood the test of time and continues to provide an example for freedom-loving people everywhere.

The men and women of today's Air Force have much in common with our courageous forefathers. We can take great pride in all that they have done, and all that we continue to do, to safeguard our nation and promote democracy around the globe.

We continue to explore new and better ways of accomplishing our goals and our mission. When our nation has called, we have readily responded – to prevail over communist tyranny in the Cold War; to decisively defeat a blatant aggressor in the Gulf War; and to suppress fast-rising, regional crises such as the Kosovo crisis in order to save lives, deter conflict and keep the peace.

So on this great holiday, let's keep the men and women of our great military in our hearts and our thoughts. America is fortunate to have such outstanding professionals as the Air Force to watch over

its destiny.

To the men and women of Laughlin Air Force Base, I salute you. Each and every one of you rises to the occasion.

Countless hours of dedication and commitment to the Air Force and to this great nation are given by each of you every day. Thanks for your 'XLent' attitude, enthusiasm and hard work.

Enjoy the Fourth of July and savor the fact that each member of this country, and especially each member here at Laughlin, keeps the flame of liberty burning brightly for all to see.

Have a safe and happy Fourth!

### Actionline Call 298-5351

If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the *Border Eagle*. Before you call the Actionline, please try to work the problem out through the normal chain of command or directly with the base agency involved.

Thanks for your cooperation and I look forward to reading some quality ideas and suggestions.

*Dan R. Goodrich*  
**Col. Dan R. Goodrich**

47th Flying Training Wing commander



AAFES	298-3176
Accounting and Finance	298-5204
Civil Engineer	298-5252
Civilian Personnel	298-5299
Commissary	298-5815
Dormitory manager	298-5213
Hospital	298-6311
Housing	298-5904
Inspector General	298-5638
Legal	298-5172
Military Personnel	298-5073
Public Affairs	298-5988
Security Forces	298-5900
Services	298-5810
Social Actions	298-5400
FWA hotline	298-4170

**Q: I wanted to let someone know that I almost got rear ended this morning. The traffic was backed up two to three miles near the Texas Rose restaurant and the people coming over the hill couldn't tell traffic had halted. I realize the checks at the front gate need to be done, but they need to be made safer. There could have been a**

**major accident this morning.**

**A:** We realize there is a traffic congestion problem at the main gate and have contacted the Texas Dept. of Transportation to extend the turn lane off Highway 90. The state has approved funding for this project and construction is scheduled to begin later this year. In the meantime, here are several things Laughlin

personnel can do to alleviate this problem:

■ Ensure your vehicle is registered on base to assist in expediting entry. If you have a new, unregistered vehicle, have your identification card out and ready prior to arriving at the gate.

■ Be aware of traffic conditions and slow down before cresting the hill near the Texas Rose restaurant. Observe the

posted warning lights as well.

■ Use the west gate, open from 6:30 - 8 a.m. and from 2 - 5:30 p.m. on all normal workdays. The trip is just under three miles longer than using Highway 90, but is often quicker and has less traffic.

Thanks for bringing this safety issue to our attention and helping to make Laughlin a safe place to live and work.



## Border Eagle

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Commander  
1st Lt. Angela O'Connell  
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Senior Airman Mike Hammond  
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### Deadlines, Advertising

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**“Excellence –  
not our goal, but  
our standard.”**

– 47 FTW motto

## Safety Stats

As of June 21

(Fiscal Year)

'99 Total '98

On-duty mishaps	2	11
Off-duty mishaps	9	7
Traffic mishaps	1	4
Sports & Rec mishaps	5	3
Fatalities	0	2

## President announces intent to nominate new undersecretary of the Air Force

The president announced his intention Wednesday to nominate Carol DiBattiste to serve as the undersecretary of the Air Force.

DiBattiste, from Miami, has been deputy United States attorney for the southern district of Florida since January 1998. Prior to rejoining the U.S. Attorney's office in Miami, DiBattiste served as the first woman to be director of the Executive Office for United States Attorneys. From 1993 to 1994, DiBattiste served as principal deputy general counsel of the Navy. After retiring from the Air Force in April 1991, DiBattiste served as

assistant United States attorney, southern district of Florida.

DiBattiste received her LL.M. from Columbia University School of Law in 1986, her J.D., from Temple University School of Law and her B.A. from LaSalle University.

The undersecretary of the Air Force is the second ranking civilian in the Air Force. In addition to acting in the secretary's absence, the undersecretary is, in effect, the chief operating officer for the Department of the Air Force.

(Courtesy SAF/PA)

## Combat dining-out committee seeks theme, key players

An enlisted combat dining-out will be held Sept. 18 at the Fiesta Center.

An Air Force combat dining-out is a formal dinner following strict military protocols and tradition. It also permits non-military spouses, friends and civilians to participate and learn more about the military. The event offers a blend of solemn ceremony and quick-witted humor and can build camaraderie, tradition and esprit de corps.

The dining-out committee will hold a contest to select the dinner theme. Entries must be submitted by close of business July

15. The winner will receive a \$25 gift certificate from the Base Exchange. Theme entries may be submitted by contacting Master Sgt. James Ketchel at 4355 or [james.ketchel@laughlin.af.mil](mailto:james.ketchel@laughlin.af.mil). Last year the theme was “Enlisted corps – making a difference.”

The committee is also looking for volunteers with good communication skills to serve as Mr. and Madam Vice. To volunteer or nominate someone, e-mail Senior Master Sgt. David Boseman at [david.boseman@laughlin.af.mil](mailto:david.boseman@laughlin.af.mil).

## Base promotes three airmen below-the-zone

On June 25, three airmen first class experienced a situation relatively uncommon among junior enlisted troops – they were paid a surprise visit by Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander, Col. Leonard Jarman, 47 FTW vice commander and Command Chief Master Sgt. Randy Crist.

The reason for the visit was to notify the three of their upcoming promotions to the rank of senior airman six months earlier than scheduled. The airmen earned this honor through the highly competitive below-the-zone promotion program.

Under this program, eligible airmen first class compete through records of exemplary service and conduct on-and off-duty, and they also appear before a board of noncommissioned and senior noncommissioned officers to determine knowledge of Air Force events and history, proper military bearing, and ability to accept leadership.

The three winners are:

Airman 1st Class Natashia Jackson, 47th Communications Squadron;

Airman 1st Class Jennifer Nalls, 47th Services Division;

Airman 1st Class Charles D. Teague, Jr., 47th Operations Support Squadron.



Jackson



Nalls



Teague

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**4:30 p.m.:** Thomas Cooper – country music performance

**5 p.m.:** Del Rio High School varsity cheerleaders

**5:30 p.m.:** Viola & Regina Martinez – Tejano music

**6 p.m.:** Casa de la Cultura

**6:30 p.m.:** Luis Julian Menchaca – Variety music

**7 p.m.:** Yesenia Menchaca – Tejano music

**7 p.m.:** Parade (begins at Star Park and proceeds north on Main St. to fairgrounds)

**8 p.m.:** “TOP FLIGHT” from the Air Force Band of the West

**8:20 p.m.:** Presentation of Colors (San Felipe Veterans Color Guard)

**8:30 p.m.:** National Anthem (Gerald Prather)

**8:40 p.m.:** Welcome remarks (Mayor Roberto Chavira; County Judge Mike Fernandez; State Representative Pete Gallego)

**8:50 p.m.:** July 4th message and recognition of veterans (Col. Dan R. Goodrich, 47th Flying Training Wing commander)

**9 p.m.:** TOP FLIGHT continues performance

**10:20 p.m.:** Fireworks display

**11p.m.:** Fairgrounds close

## MPF offers home of record information

**Due to recent questions raised concerning home of record in members' files, the 47th Mission Support Squadron, military personnel flight provides the following information:**

Home of record is defined as the place recorded as the home of a member at the time he/she enlisted, got commissioned, or was initially ordered to active duty. It is recorded in the military personnel record to determine transportation entitlements upon separation or for travel of dependents in the event of a member's death while on active duty.

Based on interpretation of Joint Federal Travel Regulation, Vol. 1, Appendix A, Section H, **the HOR can be changed only if there has been a break in service of one full day (inactive reserve time is not counted as a break in service) or a bona fide error was made in recording information given by the member.** The intent of the regulation language is for the HOR and place of enlistment/place of reenlistment to remain constant throughout the member's career unless one of the two reasons for change mentioned above exists.

Members wanting to request a residency change and not a HOR correction can obtain the application from the accounting and finance office.

(Courtesy AFPC/DPSFM)

# SUPT Class 99-11 gets wings pinned

Today marks the culmination of countless hours of study and training by 22 people, completing one of the most difficult endeavors they may ever face.

SUPT Class 99-11 graduates at 10 a.m. today in a ceremony at the Operations Training Complex auditorium.

The 52-week SUPT program prepares student pilots for the entire spectrum of Air Force aircraft and flying missions. Air Force pilot training involves months of classroom, simulator as well as in-flight training.

Training begins with a three-week preflight phase of physiological and academic training to prepare students for flight.

The second phase, primary training, is conducted in the twin-engine subsonic T-37 Tweet.

In the T-37, students learn flight characteristics, emergency procedures, takeoff and landing, aerobatics and formation flying.

Primary training takes 23 weeks and consists of 254.4 hours of ground training, 27.3 hours in the flight simulator and 89 flying hours.

After primary training, the future pilots are selected for advanced in-flight training in a specialized area or track.

The tracks include tanker, bomber and cargo pilot training in the T-1 Jayhawk, fighter pilot training in the T-38 Talon, turbo propeller aircraft training in the Navy's T-44, and helicopter training in the Army's UH-1.

Advanced training takes about 26 weeks and involves 381 hours of ground events, 31.6 hours in the flight simulator and 118.7 flying hours.

Graduates of SUPT Class 99-11 have been assigned to various aircraft at duty stations throughout the United States and the world.



**Capt. Douglas E. Downey**  
Class Leader  
Luke AFB, Ariz. – F-16



**Capt. Thomas A. McGee**  
Assistant Class Leader  
Pope AFB, N.C. – C-130



**Capt. Geoffrey T. Graze**  
Maxwell AFB, Ala. – C-21



**Capt. Scott A. Hoffman**  
Davis-Monthan AFB, Ariz. – A-10



**Capt. Kenneth A. Knox**  
Grand Forks AFB, N.D. – KC-135



**Capt. Melissa J. May**  
Luke AFB, Ariz. – F-16



**Capt. Randall J. Reed**  
Luke AFB, Ariz. – F-16



**Capt. Eric D. Reed**  
Seymour Johnson AFB, N.C. – F-15E



**Capt. John L. Thaxton, Jr.**  
Charleston AFB, S.C. – C-17



**1st Lt. Anthony B. Carr**  
Charleston AFB, S.C. – C-17



**1st Lt. Jack D. Fischer**  
Seymour Johnson – F-15E



**1st Lt. Andrew L. Martin**  
McConnell AFB, Kan.  
KC-135



**1st Lt. Matthew A. Schnoor**  
Travis AFB, Calif.  
C-5



**2nd Lt. Kevin B. Coleman**  
Laughlin AFB, Texas – T-37



**2nd Lt. William C. Cook**  
Laughlin AFB, Texas – T-37



**2nd Lt. Lazaro M. Costa, Jr.**  
Peterson AFB, Colo. – C-21



**2nd Lt. Albert J. Danza**  
Atlantic City, N.J. (ANG) – F-16



**1st Lt. Katsushi Hashimoto**  
Japan – T-2



**2nd Lt. Kristin Hooker**  
March ARB, Calif (ANG) – KC-135



**2nd Lt. Matthew K. Morrison**  
Luke AFB, Ariz. – F-16



**1st Lt. Hiroshi Kageura**  
Japan – T-2



**2nd Lt. Kirk G. Palmberg**  
McGuire AFB, N.J. – KC-10



**2nd Lt. Richard K. Polhemus**  
McChord AFB, N.J. – C-141



**1st Lt. James Y. Wallace, IV**  
McGuire AFB, N.J. (AFRES) – KC-10



**2nd Lt. Jason L. Willis**  
Fairchild AFB, Wash. – KC-135

## The *XLer*

**Hometown:** San Antonio.

**Family:** Husband – William; children – Brittany and Lawrence.

**Time at Laughlin:** 10 years.

**Time in civil service:** 11 years.

**Why did you join the Air Force family?** I was born into an Air Force family. I guess the apple doesn't fall too far from the tree.

**Name one way to improve life at Laughlin:** I would like to make the Base Exchange our customers first choice at Laughlin by broadening our merchandise selection and widening our customers service skills.

**Greatest accomplishment:** My children.

**Long-term goals:** Furthering my education.

**Hobbies:** Water sports.

**Favorite food:** Seafood.

**Favorite beverage:** Jumbo Limeades.

**Bad habit:** Which one?

**Motto:** Listen to and value the ideas of others; be willing to try new ways of doing things.

**If you could spend one hour with any person in history, who would it be and why?** My great grandmother. She inspired the entire family.



**Sharee L. Taylor**

*Army and Air Force Exchange Service  
department manager*

## Chapel Schedule

### Catholic

- Daily Mass 12:05 p.m.
- Saturday Mass 5 p.m.
- Sunday Mass 9:30 a.m.
- Confession 4:15 - 4:45 p.m.
- Saturday or by appointment.

- Choir 6 p.m. Thursdays.
- Sunday school, 11 a.m., Religious Education Building.

### Protestant

- General worship 11 a.m.
- Bible study video luncheon 11 a.m. Thursday, chapel fellowship hall.
- Awana, Wednesdays, chapel from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

### Jewish

- Max Stool
- 219 West Strickland St. Del Rio; Phone: 775-4519

**For more information on chapel events and services, call 5111.**





## From the Blotter

(47th Security Forces Squadron)



**June 14, 10:03 a.m.** The law enforcement desk received a call about a suspicious package on Laughlin Drive and Ribas-Dominici Circle. A security forces bomb dog team responded. The package contained sports equipment.

**June 19, 12:06 a.m.** A civilian with no base affiliation was stopped at the main gate for suspicion of driving under the influence. The Val Verde Sheriff's Office was contacted to take jurisdiction over the situation.

**June 21, 8:06 a.m.** A tanker truck caught fire near the fuel storage

area. The base fire department responded, and the fire was extinguished by fuels personnel.

The 47th Security Forces Squadron will conduct daily checks of your base house while you are gone on leave or temporary duty. Patrols will examine the exterior of the house to look for signs of forced entry or items out of the ordinary.

To request this service, contact the law enforcement desk prior to your departure.

*For emergencies, call 911. For routine situations, call 298-5100*

## 47th Medical Group

Summer is here and so is the need to stay cool. Many people take their children to the local pool or Lake Amistad this time of year.

Swimming is a great way to beat the heat, but it also poses a common medical risk – swimmer's ear.

Swimmer's ear is characterized by itchy ears, ear pain or a feeling that an ear is plugged while swimming. The ear canals are meant to be dry. When water gets trapped in the ear canals, the lining becomes swollen and prone to infection.

The key to preventing this from happening to children is to keep their ears dry when they are out of the water. After swimming, get all of the water out of the ear canals by turning the head to the side and pulling their earlobes in different directions. Dry the opening of the ear canal carefully.

Hopefully, these tips will keep children free from swimmer's ear and help them a safe and enjoyable summer.

**(Courtesy Laughlin Pediatric Clinic)**

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of its own and on the usefulness of programs and services. The results of the last two surveys have directly influenced the policies and programs that support families at every level of the Air Force. This needs assessment survey was going to be distributed to the field in May, but Air Force Headquarters has specifically delayed implementation of this important survey until September, based on current operations tempo and the desire not to impact mission effectiveness.

Doesn’t this tell you how valuable they think the data obtained from this survey is? Another way I know the Air Force values survey feedback is by the way they levy return percentage rate goals for certain surveys - the Occupational Survey falls into this example category. Air Force Personnel Command headquarters uses occupational surveys (career-field specific) to develop personnel and training programs, classify occupations and to write enlisted promotion tests. The minimum acceptable return rate for HQ AETC is 80 percent for this survey.

Through the survey medium, you have the opportunity to impact policies and programs by using your pencil point to make a difference. To not take advantage is truly sad.

For example, take our local 1998 Education Survey. Results of this survey determine the type of courses and education programs needed at Laughlin to meet professional and personal education goals. Last year, we distributed more than 2,120 surveys base wide to active duty, government civilian, contractor personnel, and dependents; the return rate was 12 percent - 262 surveys. I sure hope the remaining 88 percent aren’t complaining about education programming today!

















Another vitally important survey of sorts is right around the corner – Census 2000. Again, folks have the opportunity to make a difference – this time for Del Rio. In April 2000, the Census Bureau will mail out census questionnaires; it is imperative that this census survey be accurate – city size matters for federal dollars and for attracting new business!

Will Rogers, American author and actor, said, “Bad officials are elected by good citizens who don’t vote.” Don’t be silent; cast your survey vote and make your voice heard in the Air Force and for your community.

Think, “My survey response is valuable and makes a difference.” Think, “Oh yes, another survey!”

Laughlin to promote 30 in July

*Congratulations to the following people promoted effective the dates below:*

	Rank/name	Organization	Promotion date
	Maj. Hamilton, Rodney D.	84th Flying Training Squadron	July 1
	Capt. Elton, Star E.	86 FTS	July 3
	Capt. Haddorff, Mark L.	84 FTS	July 2
	Capt. Orcutt, Joseph R.	47th Operations Support Squadron	July 14
	Capt. Reed, Darin M.	85 FTS	July 8
	1st Lt. Bigelow, Chandler L.	84 FTS	July 27
	1st Lt. Bollinger, Hiram J.	47th Medical Operations Squadron	July 2
	1st Lt. Downer, Scott M.	47th Contracting Squadron	July 24
	1st Lt. Harper, Steven V.	86 FTS	July 12
	1st Lt. Thompson, Shawn O.	86 FTS	July 3
	Master Sgt. Evert, Christopher M.	47 OSS	July 1
	Tech Sgt. Dotson, Demetrius	47th Civil Engineering Squadron	July 1
	Staff Sgt. Thomason, Eric A.	47 OSS	July 1
	Staff Sgt. Ballard, Jason G.	47th Communications Squadron	July 1
	Staff Sgt. Smith, Eric R.	47 CS	July 1
	Staff Sgt. Reed, Melissa M.	47 MDOS	July 1
	Senior Airman Hammond, Nicole E.	47th Mission Squadron Squadron	July 31
	Senior Airman Jarrett, Zachary R.	47 OSS	July 2
	Senior Airman Johns, Ryan K.	47 OSS	July 24
	Senior Airman McKeever, Calene R.	84 FTS	July 2
	Senior Airman Pingley, Leslie S.	47 OSS	July 26
	Senior Airman Reed, Elliot N.	47th Aerospace Medicine Squadron	July 23
	Senior Airman Sullins, Amy L.	87 FTS	July 2
	Senior Airman Trujillo, Marc J.	47 OSS	July 24
	Senior Airman Withrow, Jeremy R.	47 CS	July 29
	Airman 1st Class Cory, Sean C.	47 OSS	July 4
	Airman 1st Class Hardin, Jamie R.	47 OSS	July 18
	Airman 1st Class Reid, Antonette D.	47 MDOS	July 4
	Airman 1st Class Yturalde, Aive A.	47th Security Forces Squadron	July 4
	Airman Backmon, Elisa S.	47 MSS	July 13



# The weather ahead

July is a hot and dry month. The record high temperature of 112 degrees Farenheit was set in July 1995. Scattered low cloud ceilings occur infrequently. Frontal passages are extremely rare, and thunderstorms are usually weak.

<i>Temperatures (degrees)</i>	<i>Precipitation (inches)</i>
Daily avg. high/low: 96/75	Monthly avg.: 2.3
Record high/low: 112/62	Record max/min: 15.2/0

Record maximum 24-hour rainfall: 6.46

During severe commander's access channel 20 for weather

Interested in the cast and sunrise/sunset weather operations flight web page at

<http://weather.laughlin.af.mil/>



weather, tune to the channel on base cable warning updates. current weather fore-times? Check out the

(Courtesy 47 OSS, weather flight)

Avoid dehydration!  
Drink plenty of water,  
especially when  
engaging in outdoor  
activities this  
summer.

## Question of the week

# How do you traditionally celebrate on July 4?



"Traditionally, my family back in Durham, N.C., celebrates the fourth by have a cookout. It starts early in the morning and lasts well into the next day."

**Staff Sgt. Ervin Curtis**

*47th Operations Support Squadron*



"For about 10 years, I've worked or volunteered at base and community festivals. This year, I'll be celebrating with family and friends."

**KC Radloff**

*47th Services Division*



"Usually with a cookout during the day and viewing fireworks in the evening. I also spend some time thinking about those who gave their lives to allow us the freedom to enjoy the day. We are truly blessed to be Americans."

**Maj. Dallas Newsome**

*47th Comptroller Flight*



"Good friends, good food and lots of fireworks (off base of course!)"

**Senior Airman**

**Melissa Reed**

*47th Medical Group*

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**Editor's note:** *In the June 25 issue of the Border Eagle, Jacquie Holloway and Jamie Lingsch were misidentified in the question of the week column. We regret the error and any misunderstanding it may have caused.*

*The difference between an enjoyable Independence Day celebration and a trip to the hospital with injuries can be how well you observe ...*

# Fireworks safety

The Fourth of July is a good day to enjoy fireworks. The safest way to do so is to attend an outdoor public display put on by professionals. NFPA recommends that all fireworks – including devices considered legal – be used only by trained professional pyrotechnicians. Even sparklers, often mistaken as safe, burn as hot as 1200 degrees Fahrenheit.

If you buy fireworks, know the difference between a legal consumer firework and a dangerous explosive device. Items such as M-80s, M-100s and blockbusters are not fireworks; in fact, they are federally banned explosives. They have caused serious injury or even death. Stay away from anything that isn't clearly labeled with the name of the item, the manufacturer's name and instructions for proper use. Here are some more tips to help ensure a safe Fourth of July:

Fireworks are not toys. Fireworks that comply with strict regulations enacted by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission in 1976 function primarily by burning to produce motion and visible or audible effects. They burn at approximately the same temperature as a household match, which can cause burn injuries and ignite clothing if used improperly.

Every year, fireworks used by amateurs cause thousands of injuries serious enough to require emergency room treatment. Children be-

tween the ages of 10 and 14 are at greatest risk of injury from fireworks. In 1995, more than 11,000 people suffered severe fireworks injuries in the United States, including burns, lacerations, amputations, and blindness.

Never give fireworks to young children. Adults should closely supervise all fireworks activities. Select and use only legal devices. If you choose to celebrate the Fourth of July with fireworks, check with your local police department to determine what fireworks can be legally discharged in your area. Fireworks are not allowed on Laughlin Air Force Base.

Stay away from illegal explosives. Illegal explosive devices continue to cause serious injuries around the Fourth of July holiday.

These devices are commonly known as M-80s, M-100s, blockbusters or quarterpounders. Federally banned since 1966, these items will not contain the manufacturer's name and are usually totally unlabeled. Don't purchase or use unlabeled fireworks. If you are aware of anyone selling such devices, contact your local police department.

Homemade fireworks are deadly. Never attempt to make your own devices and do not purchase or use any kits that are advertised for making fireworks.

Mixing and loading chemical powders is very dangerous and can kill or seriously injure you. Leave the making of fireworks to the experts.

## Injuries

The U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission monitors a sample of hospital rooms and produces annual injury estimates associated with a number of consumer products based upon the injuries that are recorded on these selected hospitals. Using this data, CPSC estimates that 7,600

people were treated for fireworks-related injuries in 1996. This is down from an estimated 11,313 in 1995.

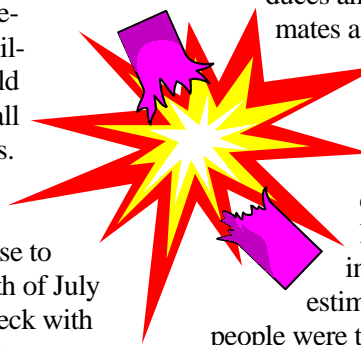
In 1976, CPSC enacted national standards for family-type fireworks in response to a petition calling on CPSC to ban all fireworks except for licensed public displays. All fireworks now legally available for sale to consumers must comply with the CPSC rules. Since the adoption of these regulations, the amount of fireworks used each year has doubled. This suggests that the injury rate has declined significantly.

A recent CPSC report analyzed injury data collected over a seven-year period. The study concluded, "In instances where legal types of fireworks were involved in accidents, either from misuse or malfunction, the resulting injuries were relatively minor and did not require hospitalization."

The CPSC study also noted that a majority of the injuries from fireworks involved misuse rather than malfunction.

Still, illegal fireworks continue to be a serious problem. Over the past 10 years, 25-30 percent of the injuries associated with fireworks has typically been caused by illegal explosives or homemade fireworks.

Today, consumer fireworks are primarily noted for their beautiful visual effects rather than explosive noise. With the enactment of rigid safety standards for consumer fireworks, a safe, enjoyable backyard fireworks display is now possible.



## Fireworks quiz for parents

*Kids can get themselves into a dangerous fireworks situation without parents' knowledge. Teach them to think ahead, help them to become familiar with the dangers and encourage them to look out for themselves at all times. Going through this True/False quiz together as a family should help.*

**Q:** It's OK to let kids light all fuses. T/F?

**False.** A responsible adult should be in charge of all fireworks activities, including lighting all the fuses. Keep kids well away from the area where fireworks are being lit.

**Q:** Powerful firecrackers are allowed by federal regulation.

**False.** Powerful firecrackers, better known as M-80s and M-100s, are federally banned explosive devices. If you know anyone selling illegal explosives, contact the police.

**Q:** Sparklers are safe for toddlers to hold.

**False.** Even sparklers can be unsafe if they are used improperly. Never give a sparkler to a toddler. Sparklers burn at the temperature of household matches and can easily ignite clothing. Keep all fireworks out of the hands of children.

**Q:** As long as your kids are responsible, you can let them have their own, unsupervised fireworks show.

**False.** A responsible adult should supervise all fireworks activities. Even though your children may seem responsible enough to put on their own show, there's always a chance that something could go wrong. Wouldn't you rather stay involved to be sure your children are safe?

**Q:** Never try to relight a malfunctioning or "dud" firework.

**True.** It's best to go on to the next item rather than try to relight a firework. The item may be damaged and could malfunction if you try to relight it.

**Q:** Fireworks-related injuries in the United States have decreased during recent years.

**True.** Not only have they decreased, but fireworks injury rates hit an all-time low in 1996. From 1995 to 1996 the injury rate dropped more than 30 percent.

**Q:** Fireworks use in the United States peaked during our Bicentennial year and has fallen ever since.

**False.** We used 29 million pounds of fireworks in the United States in 1976. In 1996, we used 118 million pounds. Fireworks are more popular and safer than ever before.

**Q:** It's not necessary to read the instructions on each firework because they all do pretty much the same thing.

**False.** A wide variety of fireworks is available to consumers today, and each type and brand will perform differently. Read and follow the label instructions on every firework so that you know in advance how each device will perform.

**Q:** All fireworks require instructions for proper use, the manufacturer's name, and the name of the item.

**True.** Each item requires these things. If you find a firework without these things, stay away from it; it is probably an illegal item and could be very dangerous.

**Q:** More states are deciding to ban consumer fireworks.

**False.** Currently, 40 states plus the District of Columbia allow the use of some type of consumer firework. Since 1993, two states (North Carolina and West Virginia) have relaxed their laws to allow a wider variety of consumer items.

**Bonus:** Mexican fireworks regulations are the same as in the United States, so no extra precautions are required.

**N/A.** Never make assumptions about the safety of a firework. All precautions should be taken with any firework at all times.

(Courtesy CPSC, 47 FTW safety, 47 MDG)

# Not just folklore, urban legends can negatively impact mission readiness

By David E. Smith  
AETC Public Affairs

RANDOLPH AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – Did you get the e-mail with the story about the father who was charged \$250 for the recipe for Nieman-Marcus cookies and sent it to everyone on the Internet to get even? Or how about the Waldorf-Astoria Red Velvet Cake, same story. Both not true, but they sure sound good. They are urban myths.

In the pre-Internet past, myths were stories passed from generation to generation around campfires by singers and storytellers. The myths of Greece, Rome and Scandinavia were part of the literature many of us studied as we were growing up. These are stories passed down through hundreds and in some cases, thousands of years.

Urban myths are recent inventions and, because we live in Internet times, they spread like wildfire. Another favorite is the one where Walt Disney, Jr., is going to give free this or that if so many thousand people pass an e-mail to everyone in the world. You have to stop and ask your-

self, “If I pass this along, how is he going to know?” Urban myth strikes again.

All recent urban myths seem to be less interesting stories than they are harmful to someone or something. In the case of the cookies, it makes Nieman-Marcus look like bad merchants. But the story is untrue and the cookies are very good. If enough people spread the story and believe it, it harms an innocent company.

One recent urban myth has the potential to harm members of the U.S. military. This is the one purported to be from someone at Dover Air Force Base and the dreaded anthrax immunization program. One uninformed person after another is forwarding this tale. There no truth to it and no signature as to who originated the

story. But it came over the Internet, so it must be true - right? Unfortunately, everything we receive over the Internet isn’t true and this myth could be devastatingly harmful.

The operations tempo of all the services in recent years keeps military members constantly on the move. Our adversaries are continually seeking ways to neutralize the strength of our forces. They will use any means available. Chemical and

biological attacks are a constant possibility everywhere in the world. We train to be able to don and work in defensive gear. Service members have for years been vaccinated to protect them from a myriad of diseases (e.g. yellow fever, malaria, typhoid, etc.) All these are related, because we must be prepared to perform our

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mission anytime, anywhere.

An urban myth that causes military members to fear immunization harms our ability to perform the mission with confidence. It harms our trust in our leaders. It makes us vulnerable to biological attack.

My shot records make my arms think they are pin cushions, but I didn’t get smallpox, cholera, plague, polio, yellow fever, malaria, hepatitis or any of the other diseases I was perforated for. Syndicated newspaper columnist Dr. Paul Donohue said a few months ago when responding to a question about the anthrax immunization in his column that the immunization was indeed safe. He said if he was faced with any possibility of exposure to the anthrax threat, he’d be first in line.

Anthrax is a killer. I’m with Dr. Donohue and the Air Force Surgeon General, Lt. Gen. (Dr.) Charles H. Roadman II - I want to be real close to the front of the line, too.

***(Editor’s Note: David Smith retired from the Air Force as a chief master sergeant with 30 years service.)***  
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**Anthrax: fact vs myth**  
Myth: The anthrax vaccine is not safe.

Fact: The vaccine has been safely administered in the U.S. to veterinarians, laboratory workers, and livestock handlers since 1970.

Myth: There is no defense against anthrax.

Fact: Vaccination is the best defense against biological warfare involving anthrax. Nuclear, biological and chemical gear and protective masks should also be used as added measures to reduce exposure.

Myth: The anthrax vaccine can make me catch anthrax. It works by actually injecting live cells into my body to build immunity.

Fact: The anthrax vaccine does not use live bacteria. It is a sterile product made from a strain of anthrax that does not cause disease.

Myth: One injection of the anthrax vaccine will protect you for life.

Fact: As with other vaccines, annual booster shots are needed to maintain immunity after the initial six-shot series.

Myth: The anthrax vaccine is experimental and under investigation.

Fact: The anthrax vaccine is not experimental. It has been used safely to protect at-risk industrial and laboratory workers for almost 30 years.

At Laughlin, there are currently 101 active duty personnel (82 male and 19 female) on the anthrax program with an average age of 28. Thirty four percent of the individuals on the program belong to the 47th Operations Group, 19 percent to the 47th Medical Group, and 47 percent to the 47th Support Group. Presently, there have been no adverse reactions at Laughlin as the result of the anthrax vaccine. All individuals who receive the shot are strongly encouraged to seek medical attention if there is a reaction. Providers are required to report adverse reactions to the Vaccine Events Reporting System of the Department of Health and Human Services.

Between now and 2003, the entire force, including all new recruits, will begin receiving the six-shot series of the anthrax vaccine. For questions concerning the anthrax program, contact the Public Health Flight at 6380.

**(Courtesy of Anthrax Vaccine Immunization Program)**



# Instilling leadership qualities crucial to younger members

**By Maj. Marcella Adams**  
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SHEPPARD AIR FORCE BASE, Texas – It’s been many years since I attended Squadron Officers School. Like college, there are a lot of things that I have forgotten about SOS, but this passage from “Leadership: In Pursuit of Excellence” is something that has remained with me throughout my Air Force career. “...A young person might go to military flight training to learn a few flying skills. When he or she gets there though, they find themselves part of a fraternity. In this fraternity, though comprised of military people, they weren’t rated by their obvious rank. Instead, they were divided into those who had IT and those who did not. This quality, this IT, was never named nor spoken about....”

This book, like thousands of others of its kind, in my opinion, tried to define a virtually indefinable concept – leadership. What I did gather from this book, as well as from my Air Force experiences, is that we really have to understand a little more about what IT, leadership, is all about if we

ever hope to become good leaders ourselves.

Many of us, as leaders or aspiring leaders, have our own ideas about leadership. Do “natural born leaders” really exist? Can we teach leadership? Where does IT fit into an ever-changing military atmosphere?

I won’t attempt to give one singular definition of leadership because to do so is virtually impossible. Leadership is an almost intangible concept. Its presence can be felt and you can see the results of good leadership, but you can’t reach out and touch it.

The book suggests that the foundation of any successful leadership is a solid academic background in history. In many ways I agree with this. History is important because it tends to repeat itself. If you look at it, there are many things that over time have happened again and again. We just need to stop, look at them and learn from the success or mistakes of those who have gone before us.

History leads by example, so it is useful to look at leaders whose places in history have stood the test of time. We need to extract these elusive leadership qualities from former leaders. When we study leadership from a historical perspective, we see that problems in the present have probably occurred in the past. There are relatively few new problems that history has not already addressed.

The study of past leaders then often leads us to see just what it is that makes a great leader. It has often been said that leaders are born and not made, and that you either have IT or you don’t. That theory has its merits but one could also ask the question, “Is leadership a God-given talent, or can it be acquired through good military

teaching?” In other words, can leadership be taught?”

The late Adm. Forest Sherman once said that we can take a good person through proper

training and develop the qualities that are necessary to create a good leader. My interpretation of the admiral’s thoughts is that perhaps a young person doesn’t generally recognize his own leadership potential, but with teaching, coaching and ample opportunities, leadership may, in fact, be taught. It may be possible to teach a person to lead, but it doesn’t necessarily mean that everyone can be taught leadership. As the book says,

most people’s success or failure is achieved more by mental attitude than by mental capacity. Many are unwilling to face the challenge of thinking for themselves and accepting responsibility for others.

Another question that often comes into play when contemplating leadership is, “Are leadership and management the same?” The book mentions that during “down” peri-

ods in which there are no great military conflicts for the military to focus on, it appears that the military places greater emphasis on management skills, seemingly at the risk of sacrificing leadership skills. This phenomena, the book says, leads to the conclusion that a managerial way of thinking can be harmful to the military leader.

Leadership and management are qualities often talked about in the same breath. While it is true that an effective manager is often an effective leader, leadership requires managerial skills.

There are differences, however, between these two concepts. Leadership involves influencing – interactions between leader and follower, leading others toward a goal. Leadership comes from within.

Management is a process that involves tools and techniques. When we think of management, we think of planning and organizing re-

sources. We do need talented managers, but we also need creative leaders.

As both leaders and managers, we need to keep two things in mind: first, techniques appropriate for managing resources may not work in the workplace or during a conflict. Second, battlefield techniques may be disastrous when substituted for management.

We must also remember that management and leadership are not substitutes for each other. They are co-equals and essential for military success.

In the Air Force, the caliber of both our leaders and managers is unquestionable, and we don’t have to look far beyond our own squadrons and work centers to see IT in action.

So, the question still remains. “Are good leaders born or made?” Both, I believe, are true. Although, we may never really know if leadership abilities come from good genes or good lessons.

The best approach as we continue to train our future leaders is for both our leaders and managers to remain focused on instilling leadership qualities to our young people. This will inevitably be critical to develop ANY leadership qualities, whether inborn or fostered, and ensure that our people have the tools to truly become leaders of the future.

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Go-getter

Alex Cullen, 3, son of Capt. Chris and Annie Cullen, 84th Flying Training Squadron, gets some playing time at the youth soccer clinic at the base field June 23. The one-week clinic, sponsored by Laughlin's Youth Center, was designed to introduce children to the game of soccer and to prepare them for the fall Laughlin/Del Rio soccer league. Fifty-six youths attended the event, which was coached by volunteers.



Photo by Airman Bradley Pettit

Intramural softball  
standings  
(as of Thursday)

	W	L
OSS	3	0
86th	3	0
84/85th	1	0
47 MED	1	0
LCSAM	1	0
CS/CON/SV	0	1
MSS	0	2
87th	0	2
LSI	0	2
CES	0	2

Intramural softball schedule  
(As of Thursday)

Tuesday	Wednesday	July 12
7 p.m. 1 vs 9	5 vs 1	8 vs 2
8 p.m. 4 vs 5	6 vs 4	9 vs 10
9 p.m. 3 vs 6	7 vs 3	5 vs 6

July 13	July 14	July 19
7 p.m. 1 vs 10	4 vs 7	6 vs 1
8 p.m. 2 vs 9	10 vs 2	7 vs 5
9 p.m. 3 vs 8	9 vs 3	8 vs 4

July 20	July 21	July 26
7 p.m. 4 vs 9	6 vs 7	9 vs 5
8 p.m. 2 vs 1	5 vs 8	8 vs 6
9 p.m. 3 vs 10	2 vs 3	3 vs 1

July 27	July 28	August 2
7 p.m. 1 vs 7	7 vs 8	3 vs 4
8 p.m. 10 vs 4	4 vs 2	5 vs 10
9 p.m. 2 vs 5	10 vs 6	6 vs 9

Teams: 1. CES 2. 87th 3. 84/85th  
4. LCSAM 5. CS/CONS/SVS 6. MDG  
7. OSS 8. 86th 9. MSS 10. LSI

Warming up properly  
before exercising  
greatly reduces the  
risk of injury



Photo by Airman Bradley Pettit

## Lunch is served

Martin Galarza prepares fries for the short order line at the Chapparal Dining Facility shortly before lunch Tuesday. The dining facility's normal hours of operation are Monday-Friday 6:15-8:00 a.m. for breakfast, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. for lunch and 5-6:30 p.m. for dinner. On weekends and holidays, the facility is open 7-10:30 a.m. for breakfast, 10:30 a.m. until 1 p.m. for lunch and 4:30-6:30 p.m. for dinner. For more information, call 5295.

## Change of command

Lt. Col. David M. O'Brien will assume command of the 47th Aerospace Medicine Squadron during a ceremony at 10 a.m. Wednesday in the Fiesta Center.

There will be a reception at Club XL immediately following the ceremony.

O'Brien comes to Laughlin from Eielson Air Force Base, Alaska. He is replacing Lt. Col. Robert E. Carroll, who leaves for Moody AFB, Ga.

## Senior NCO induction

The senior noncommissioned officer induction ceremony will be July 31 at Club XL. Social hour starts at 6 p.m., and dinner will be served at 7 p.m. Meal prices are \$14.50 for club members and \$17.50 for others.

Dress requirements are mess dress for officers, mess dress or semi-formal for enlisted and business attire for civilians. Call 298-6355 or 5041 for reserva-

tions and meal selection.

## Closure

The 47th Medical Group will be closed for training July 14. The primary care clinic and aerospace medicine will operate normal sick call hours; however, OB/GYN will not have sick call.

For emergencies, contact ambulance services at 6333. For further information or concerns, please contact Tech Sgt. Kevin Weinand at 6410.

## Sports physicals

The pediatric clinic will conduct school, sport and camp physicals Tuesday and Thursday afternoons by appointment only beginning Thursday through Aug. 12. Parents of students and campers are encouraged to get appointments early to beat the school rush.

Call central appointments at 298-3578 to schedule a physical. Please arrive 15 minutes prior to the scheduled appointment and bring completed school or camp paperwork and shot records.

## Cook book

The Officer Spouse's Club is creating a wing cook book. The club is accepting recipes from people on base. All submissions must be received by Sept. 10.

To make submissions or for more information, call Julie Nickerson at 298-0215.

## Finance classes

The personnel financial manager is offering the following classes:

- ◆ Checkbook management, today at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Budget workshop July 9 at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Understanding credit July 16 at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Basic investing, July 23 at 8:30 a.m.
- ◆ Bundles for babies, July 30 at 1 p.m.
- ◆ Basic investing, Aug. 23 at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Checkbook management, Aug. 24 at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Budget workshop, Aug. 25 at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Understanding credit, Aug. 26 at 9 a.m.
- ◆ Bundles for babies, Aug. 30 at 1 p.m.

Everyone is invited to sign up by calling 298-5620 or 298-5109. The training will be in the Family Support Center conference room.

## NCOA and PMEGA

The Laughlin Noncommissioned Officers Association and Professional Military Education Graduates Association are seeking new members. These professional associations are highly visible, career enhancing organizations that assist the base and local community.

All enlisted members are welcome to join and youth is needed.

If interested in these organizations, please contact Tech. Sgt. Chris Clauser at 5441.

## Enrichment program

The Youth Center is taking applications for the fall '99 Part-Day Enrichment Program for 3- to 5-year-olds. Classes will be 8:30-11:30 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday for 3- to 4-year-olds and Tuesday and Thursday for 4- to 5-year-olds. Start dates are Aug. 16 and 17.

For more information on the program, call Karen Cook or Amy Haynes at 298-5343/4363.